

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Public Services – Allegation of corruption against Sri V.Suryanarayana, Village Revenue Officer, Naguluppalapadu Village, Naguluppalapadu Mandal, Prakasam District – Trapped by ACB Officials on 15-12-2008 – Sanction of Prosecution – Orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIG.VII(2)) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.991

Dt:22-9-2009

ORDER

1) Whereas, Sri V.Suryanarayana worked as Village Revenue Officer, Naguluppalapadu Village and Mandal, Prakasam district from 8-2-2007 to 15-12-2008 and by virtue of post held by him, he falls under the category of Public Servant as defined under section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988(Act 49 of 1998);

2. And Whereas, Sri B.Venugopal S/o Rajaram 35 years, resident of Uppugundur Village, Naguluppalapadu Mandal, Prakasam district lodged a report with Anti Corruption Bureau on 13-12-2008 stating that he purchased 3.80 acres of land at Naguluppalapadu village, Prakasam District and the Revenue Authorities issued Pattadar Pass Book. Title deeds were not issued. He approached Sri V.Suryanarayana, Village Revenue Officer, Naguluppalapadu and gave an application for issuance of title deeds. He also submitted No-Dues Certificates from Andhra Bank and Co-operative Society to him. On 10-12-08 when he met the Village Revenue Officer at his office, he was informed that a Challan for Rs.100/- was to be submitted in order to get Title Deeds Book as well as new Pattadar pass book jointly for the above land. Sri V.Suryanarayana, Village Revenue Officer also told Sri B. Venugopal that if he gives bribe of Rs.3,000/- he would see that the Pattadar Pass book is immediately issued and Title Deeds Book would be processed. Sri B.Venugopal told Sri V.Suryanarayana that he was not in a position to pay that much amount and went back to his village. Again on 12-12-2008 he met Sri V.Suryanarayana, Village Revenue Officer at his office and gave him a challan for Rs.100/-. Sri V.Suryanarayana, Village Revenue Officer again reiterated his earlier demand for bribe of Rs.3000/- and told him that unless and until the bribe amount is paid he would not do the work. Sri B.Venugopal expressed his inability to pay that much amount. Sri V.Suryanarayana, Village Revenue Officer reduced the bribe amount to Rs.2000/- and further told him to get the bribe amount on the afternoon of 15-12-2008 and to meet him in the office;

3. And whereas, it is further alleged Sri B.Venugopal who was not willing to pay the bribe to Sri V.Suryanarayana, Village Revenue Officer, Naguluppalapadu Village, Naguluppalapadu Mandal, Prakasam District approached the office of the District Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Prakasam District at Ongole and gave a report. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau registered a case in Cr.No.17/RCT-NPK/08 after due verification and took up investigation;

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4. And whereas, it is alleged that on 15-12-2008 at about 11-45 hours the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Inspectors and staff of Anti Corruption Bureau, Nellore, the mediators and the complainant left the office of Inspector, ACB Ongole and reached the Naguluppalapadu village by 13-30 hours and laid a trap. At about 15-48 hours the team received the signal and immediately the trap party reached the office of the Tahsildar, Naguluppalapadu. The complainant was found standing in front of the said office. The team proceeded to the room where Sri V.Suryanarayana was found sitting and attending to his work. The Deputy Superintendent of Police introduced himself and other trap party members to him and he revealed his identity as Valeti Suryanarayana, Village Revenue Officer, Naguluppalapadu village. The Deputy Superintendent of Police got prepared Sodium Carbonate Solution in two clean glass tumblers and instructed the Accused Officer to rinse his both hand fingers in the two solutions separately one by one. On doing so, the colourless solutions in both glass tumblers turned into pink. When the Deputy Superintendent of Police asked about bribe amount received from the complainant, Sri V.Suryanarayana voluntarily took out a wad of currency notes from the left upper shirt pocket. On comparison by the one of the mediators the numbers on the currency notes with that of the numbers noted in the pre-trap proceedings and found tallied. The same was seized by Deputy Superintendent of Police. The Deputy Superintendent of Police got the inner linings of the shirt pocket subjected to the sodium carbonate solution test and the same turned into pink colour. The Deputy Superintendent of Police also seized the Pattadar Pass Book and Title Deeds Book issued by to the complainant. The Tahsildar also confirmed to the Deputy Superintendent of Police that he had signed on the proceedings and Pattadar Pass Book & Title Deeds Book on 15-12-2008 at about 15-30 hours at the instance of Village Revenue Officer, just before the trap;

5. And whereas, the above said acts of Sri V.Suryanarayana, Village Revenue Officer, Naguluppalapadu Village, Naguluppalapadu Mandal, Prakasam District constitute offences punishable under sections 7 and sub-section(2) of section 13 read with clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988(Act 49 of 1988);

6. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri V.Suryanarayana, Village Revenue Officer, from Government service after fully and carefully examining the material placed before them and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case consider that the said Sri V.Suryanarayana, Village Revenue Officer, Naguluppalapadu Village, Naguluppalapadu Mandal, Prakasam District should be prosecuted in a competent court of law for the aforesaid offences.

7. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause(b) of sub-section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of the said Sri V.Suryanarayana, Village Revenue Officer, Naguluppalapadu Village, Naguluppalapadu Mandal, Prakasam District for the offences punishable under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 13 readwith

clause(d) of sub-section(1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the above said acts and also for taking cognizance of the said offences by the court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASUTHOSH MISHRA  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Director General  
Anti Corruption Bureau  
Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER